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WYNNE BACK AND 'OVERJOYED'

*3st. lost in prison,
but in good heart*

NOT TOLD BY CAPTORS OF LONSDALE DEAL

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTERS

MR. GREVILLE WYNNE, the 45-year-old British businessman gaoled as a spy by the Russians, was re-united with his wife and elder son, Andrew, 12, outside their Chelsea home yesterday.

The couple embraced, then ran arm-in-arm into the house. Asked how he felt after his 18-month ordeal, Mr. Wynne said: "I feel as I look. So you can judge for yourself."

Mr. Wynne, who lost nearly three stones in weight during his 17 months in Russian prisons, was flown home after being exchanged at a Berlin border checkpoint early yesterday for Gordon Lonsdale, the Russian spy gaoled for 25 years in Britain in 1961.

Mr. Wynne's release followed reports that his health was deteriorating. He was examined by a London doctor, Dr. E. C. A. Bott, two hours after arriving home. Dr. Bott said "Mr. Wynne is as well as can be expected. He is in very good heart."

Mr. Wynne had a celebration dinner and drank champagne with his family and friends last night, while a policeman stood guard outside his house. He went to bed early.

"POOR BUSINESS"

Bargain against West

Meanwhile Lonsdale, 40, whose real name is Conon Molody, was somewhere behind the Iron Curtain. Lonsdale was the master spy of the Portland espionage ring.

The exchange of this brilliant Russian intelligence officer for an

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Englishman always described as "a businessman" appeared to be poor business for the West.

But to the Russians it was a fair exchange. They alleged that Mr. Wynne was the link between the Soviet traitor Oleg Penkovsky, a scientist and high-ranking officer of their security service, and the British Embassy in Moscow, which transmitted the secrets he disclosed.

THIN AND STRAINED Silent on treatment

After the Berlin exchange, Mr. Wynne was flown to Northolt Airport in an R.A.F. Transport Command plane. First aboard when the plane landed was a Foreign Office official, closely followed by public relations officers from the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Looking thin and strained, Mr. Wynne came out of the aircraft and posed for pictures at the top of the steps. He was wearing a well-cut grey suit, with a Nottingham University tie, and a lightweight blue raincoat.

He would not speak to reporters about the treatment he had received in Russia, apart from saying that the three meals a day he was offered in prison did not agree with him.

PRISON "MOVE"

Prelude to release

The first indication he had that he might be going home came less than 24 hours before he landed at Northolt.

"I was sitting in my cell in Vladimir Prison (about 120 miles from Moscow) when they came in and told me I was to be moved from the gaol," he said. "I didn't know where I was going or anything about it."

"I was put in a plane and got to East Berlin, at least I assumed it was East Berlin, because I didn't really know. The first time I knew definitely I was being freed was at four a.m. when I was handed over."

Mr. Wynne said he heard no mention of Lonsdale while in prison. He did not realise he was one half of an exchange deal until he was safely in the British car taking him to West Berlin.

Asked why he had pleaded guilty "with some reservations" at his trial, Mr. Wynne said: "At the present time I am not going to make any comment on this matter."

Twenty minutes after leaving the plane Mr. Wynne spoke to his wife by telephone. It was the first time

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